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PROTEINS, NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES
ENCODING HUMAN PHOSPHATASE
PROTEINS, AND USES THEREOF**

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Response to 1st Office Action

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action issued by Examiner Nguyen on August 27, 2003, Applicants request reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks. Please charge the attached Petition for Three-Month Extension of Time to Deposit Account No. 50-0970.

In the claim:

- 1-3 (Canceled).
- 4. (Currently Amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding a phosphatase protein consisting of a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of:
 - (a) a nucleotide sequence that encodes a protein comprising ~~the~~ an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2;
 - (b) a nucleotide sequence consisting of the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1; and
 - (c) a nucleotide sequence consisting of the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:3.
- 5 -7 (Canceled).
- 8. (Previously presented) A nucleic acid vector comprising a nucleic acid molecule of claim 4.